



ANNOUNCEMENT 82nd ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA SPRING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

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Attendance and Registration

Students and teachers from all schools with agriculture, agriscience, agribusiness, and horticulture courses should attend and participate in the educational activities provided. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in agriculture education.

Teachers are responsible for supervision of their students throughout the day. Students should have a definite reason to attend judging activities. All students attending **must** participate in the Career Development Events provided. Provisions for observation will not be made and there **will be no alternate team members**.

Preregistration is required for participation using the online registration form. Please email your completed registration form to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us by **Wednesday, April 6, 2005**. Please forward payment or purchase order IMMEDIATELY! Final registrations, including additions or deletions, will be completed by the chapter advisor by 9:45 a.m. at the Round House on **Thursday, April 21, 2005**. Four members may participate in the Nursery/Landscape, and Agriculture Mechanics Events. The scores of the three highest individual's constitute the score of the official team. In Ag Sales, Floriculture, and Environmental/Natural Resources a four-member team is **required**. There will be no alternate teams or individuals in the FFA Spring Events. **Please note that the four-member team requirement for Floriculture is a change in National rules.**

Competency Exams for Programs approved to teach certain Horticulture CIP Codes

The State FFA Nursery Landscape and Floriculture CDEs are being conducted as the completer exams for courses with CIP Codes 01.0601, 01.0603, 01.0604, 01.0605, 01.0606, or 01.0699. Students who are not members of the NJ FFA Association and the National FFA Organization will pay \$25 to register for the completer exam. Competency exam late registration will be an additional \$5 per person. Registration will not be accepted any later than one week prior to the event. You must use the online registration form for preregistration. Members who are a part of an FFA team should be registered on the team registration form. Competency exam registrations will not be refunded. Competency registrations will not be added, deleted or changed after the April 6th registration deadline. (i.e. A program completer is a program completer!) Results will be made available to each school after the event.

Results

Official results will be available via email and on the NJ FFA website at

http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_ed/business.htm

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE STATE OFFICE FOR RESULTS.

Registration and Payment

A registration fee is assessed for each Career Development Event a school/chapter enters. Payment is due no later than the day of the event. Registration fees are used to pay Career Development Event expenses and to provide awards to FFA members. Please make checks payable to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey and send to the Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330.** Registration received after the due date will incur a \$10 late fee per event. Registration will not be accepted any later than one week prior to the event. **Please be prepared to pay prior to or at the registration desk at the Round House.**

(Remember, your payment is non-refundable since your registration is what we use to pay for event expenses. NOTE: The only exception, according to New Jersey's FFA Conference Refund Policy, is a doctor's note or proof of death in the immediate family along with a cover letter explaining the circumstance. This must be sent to the state executive board within one month of the event.)

Parking

Please do not discharge students at the Round House. Observe parking regulations. Ample space is available in a large conference parking lot on College Farm Road. This is near all scheduled activities. Parking along the road by the Round House constitutes a traffic hazard.

Schedule of Events

SCHOOLS REGISTER AT ROUND HOUSE 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Events will start promptly at 10:00 AM as scheduled. Those who arrive late or leave early will risk disqualification. The Career Development Event Coordinator has the right to disqualify those who arrive 15 minutes into the event.

Agricultural Mechanics CDE - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Turf Farm, Ryders Lane

Environmental & Natural Resources CDE - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Hort Farm 1

Floriculture CDE - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Cook College Student Center, Multipurpose Room A, B, C.

Nursery/Landscape CDE - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Turf Farm, Ryders Lane

Agricultural Sales CDE - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Cook College Student Center, Room 202 A, B, C.

Students and teachers should be reminded that the schedule runs from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm without a break for lunch. You may bring lunch or purchase lunch at the Cook Student Center.

Rules

(Please review these rules with your students)

1. The school with the highest team score in the Agricultural Mechanics CDE, Floriculture CDE, Environmental and Natural Resources CDE, and the Nursery/Landscape CDE will represent New Jersey in that particular event in regional competition at Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts, in September, and in national competition at the National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Ag Sales team (four individuals) will compete at the national convention. Each first place team in all events will receive a state recognition plaque or banner. The five individuals with the highest scores in practicum areas in each contest will receive an H.O. Sampson Certificate of Achievement and the top three individuals overall will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.

Note: Effective for 2005 National FFA Convention, a floriculture team is composed of 4 people.

2. Members of a first place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that event again.
3. Official teams must be at the contest location at the starting time. Teams who arrive late or leave early will be disqualified, unless there is a just reason for their lateness. The Career Development Event Coordinator will disqualify those who arrive late or leave early.
4. No individuals from the same school/chapter shall talk, confer, or judge together. Penalty will be the loss of score for that section of the event.
5. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner and will follow the rules set forth by the event chairperson/coordinator.

6. No school/chapter will use the Cook College Campus or the college farm at New Brunswick for the training of teams. Penalty will be disqualification.
7. Events will not be conducted if less than five teams preregister. Preregistration must be made with payment.
8. If a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) indicates a need for assistance during a career development event, the school is responsible for providing the reader or scribe. Please identify the name of the student, their need, and the name of the assistant in your registration e-mail (due April 6).

The following types of assistance will be allowed, if indicated in an IEP:

Reader - The reader will assist a student by reading out loud to them any written instructions for the CDE, exam questions, etc. without providing any interpretation of the questions/information or helping that student come to a conclusion.

Scribe - The scribe will provide assistance to a student by writing down information such as the answer to a question. The scribe will not provide a student with direction or additional information that would help that student solve a problem or come to a conclusion.

In order to conduct a state level career development event efficiently, **no additional time will be provided** to a student to complete portions of that career development event.

Make Up of Events

Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Environmental and Natural Resource Management, Agricultural Mechanics, and Ag Sales Events will be conducted using the same rules, judging forms, and references as the National FFA Events. This information can be found in Career Development Events 2001-2005. Copies are available on the Chapter Resource Guide, CD-rom, on the National FFA website and from the National FFA Center. Students should be prepared in all event sections.

Practicums

The following events have a hands-on section in which the topics/theme change from year to year. In order to better prepare your students for these events, please refer to the Career Development Events Handbook which can be accessed on the national website at www.ffa.org or on the Local Program Resource Guide CD-ROM for this years' topics and themes:

- ~~FFA~~ **Agricultural Mechanics** – Integrated Pest Management
- ~~FFA~~ **Environmental/Natural Resources** – Waste Management
- ~~FFA~~ **Floriculture** – see State Activity Guide 12.005 for practicum areas
- ~~FFA~~ **Nursery/ Landscape** - see State Activity Guide 12.006 for practicum areas

Assignment of Tasks

Teachers are requested to assume their assignments from the contest coordinator and remain throughout the contest. We need your help to conduct a fair event and provide results quickly. **Please call (877-243-3332) or e-mail (robin.mclean@ag.state.nj.us) if you cannot serve in an assigned event.**

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS - 10 AM at Turf Farm, Ryders Lane

Mr. Jay Rupell & Dr. Bob Sils, Event Coordinators

Mr. Bill Dickson and Mr. Joe Clark, Event Assistants

Mr. Mike Hlubik	Scorer
Mr. Bill Hilgendorff	Written Exam/Scorer
Mr. Joel Rudderow	Problem Solving
Mr. Bryan Leh	Problem Solving
Mr. Dave Pede	Problem Solving
Mr. Jacque Roszel	Scorer
Mr. Michael Griffith	Scorer
Mr. Greg Babbitt	Scorer
Ms. Erica Runge	Scorer

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCE - 10 AM, Hort Farm 1

Mr. Tim Jacobsen, Event Coordinator

Mr. David Specca and Mr. Nick Semeniuk, Event Assistants

Mr. Mike Ridge	Scoring
Mr. Hans Toft	Scoring
Mr. Mike Butler	Scoring
Ms. Melissa Fogg	Scoring
Ms. Carrie Hetrick	Scoring
Mr. Dave Ritter	Group Leader
Ms. Marilyn Patterson	Group Leader

FLORICULTURE - 10 AM at Cook Student Center, Multipurpose Rms. A, B, C

Mrs. Deb Moyer, Event Coordinator

Ms. Bonnie Baldasare	Identification
Ms. Linda Campbell	Exam /Scorer
Ms. Sherry Bolton	Proctor/Scorer
Ms. Kristine Mayberry	Practicum
Ms. Lisa Chernigovets	Group Leader
Ms. Cheryl Alfonse	Practicum
Mr. Frank Yesalavich	Scorer
Mr. John Petronglo	Group Leader
Ms. Laurie Neyhart	Proctor
Mr. Gary Nelson	Exam Scorer
Ms. Katie McKee	Scorer
Mr. Drew Holmes	Group Leader
Mr. Ray Konrady	Scorer
Mr. Frank Vitelli	Scorer
Ms. Heather White	Group Leader

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE - 10 AM Turf Farm, Ryders Lane

Mr. Pedro Perdomo, Event Coordinator

Mr. John Neyhart	Plant Disorders
Mr. Worth Christian	Scorer
Mr. Shawn McKay	Practicum
Mr. Fred DePalma	Practicum/Scorer
Mr. Brian Burns	Group Leader
Mr. Paul Stanziale	Group Leader
Ms. Erin Zukus	Plant ID
Ms. Cheryl Lowe	Practicum
Ms. Nichol Carroll	Scorer
Ms. Patty Fanella	Scorer
Ms. Nan Hamilton	Plant ID
Mr. Brian Martin	Scorer
Ms. Debbie Stanley	Scorer
Mr. Ted Szczawinski	Group Leader
Ms. Rebecca Schnetzer	Group Leader

AG SALES - 10 AM at Cook College Student Center, Rooms 202 ABC

Mr. Bill Walker, Event Coordinator

Mrs. Cyndee Roszel	Sales Presentation
Ms. Malaree Searle	Scorer
Mr. Keith Dannucci	Practicum
Ms. Cindy Von Thun	Scorer
Ms. JoAnn Sopchak	Scorer
Ms. Ruth Cooper	Scorer
Mr. Michael De Vito	Scorer

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